# Department of Fish and Game Protects and Manages the Public's Fish and Wildlife Resources of the State

### Department is a Trustee and Responsible Agency

- Department has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species (FGC §1802)
- In this capacity Department administers CESA, Native Plant Protection Act and other provisions of the FGC that afford protection to State fish and wildlife public trust resources (CEQA §15386)

#### **Authority Resides in:**

- State Fish and Game Code
- Public Resources Code
- Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act
- Coastal Act
- CEQA
- CESA and FESA
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
- U.S. Clean Water Act
- NEPA



Offshore LNG Facilities

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# Potential Environmental Impacts

Issues with Offshore LNG Facilities

- Artificial Lighting/Impacts to Seabirds
- Marine Mammal Interactions
- Pipelines/Anchors and Impacts to Hardsubstrate
- Shore Landings of New Seafloor Pipelines
- Use of Seawater for Production Operations
- Contaminants and Potential Spills

# Artificial Lighting from Illuminated Offshore Facilities May Cause Disorientation in Nocturnal Seabirds

- Leads to collisions with vessels and structures resulting in injury or death to the birds
- Birds fall stunned and/or injured into the water, or on decks and platforms
- Injured birds become easy targets for predation once it is daylight

Seabird Species Impacted by Artificial Lighting

Xantus's murrelet\*\*
Ashy storm-petrel\*
Black storm-petrel\*
Fork-tailed stormpetrel
Leach's storm-petrel
Rhinoceros auklet\*
Cassin's auklet

\*DFG Species of Special Concern





<sup>\*\*</sup> To be Listed as Threatened under CESA

# Impacts to Marine Mammals (primarily during the construction phase)

 Collisions with vessels

 Disruption of normal behavior patterns such as feeding, movement, and migration



### New Pipelines may Impact Hard-Bottom Substrate

 Pipelines may damage hard-bottom substrate and associated communities

 Anchors and anchor chains used during construction operations may also impact hardbottom substrate

 Additional pipelines may inhibit commercial





### **Shore Landings of New Pipelines from Offshore LNG Facilities**

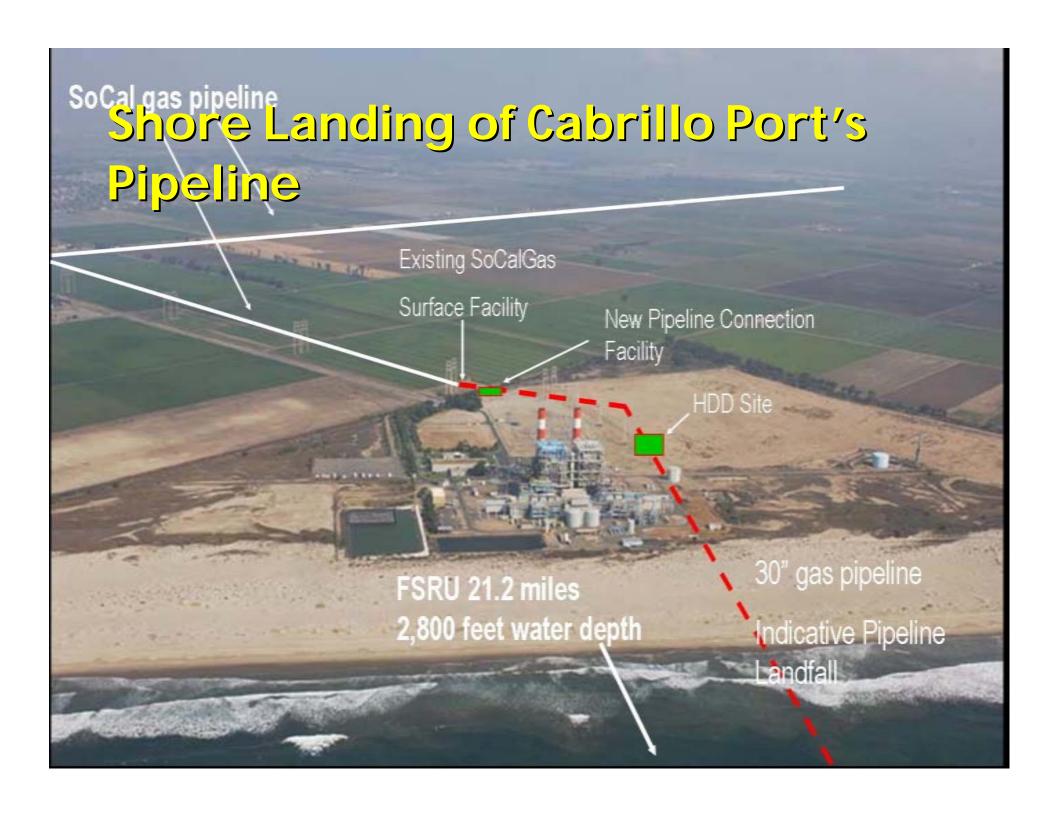
 Both offshore projects propose Horizontal Directional Drilling so impacts to the nearshore zone and beach would be minimal



 Potential for temporary disturbance to shorebirds foraging on beach



 Possible impacts to terrestrial habitat from



### Use of Seawater by LNG Facility

- Organisms may be pulled in through the seawater in-take lines
- Discharge of used seawater could have contaminants, elevated temperatures

### **Contaminants and Potential Spills**

Spill events from vessel/ facility operations

#### Issues with Onshore LNG Facilities

Developed Harbor (Long Beach/SES)

Rural Harbor (CalPine)

- Invasive Species
- Minor Dredging

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- Major Dredging to Deepen Channels
- Widening of Turning Basin
- Loss of Mudflat Habitat
- Additional Terrestrial Pipelines



Proposed LNG Terminal Sites Humboldt Bay, California



# LNG Terminal in Humboldt Bay has the Potential for Significant Environmental Impacts

Major Dredging
Shoreline Erosion
Loss of Mudflat & Wetland Habitat
Impacts to:

- Vegetation\* (eelgrass, rare plants)
- Invertebrates
- Fishr (chinook, steelhead, coho, sturgeon, gobies, smelt, eulachon)
- Birds\*(pelicans, puffins, cormorants, loons, osprey, marsh hawk...)
- Marine Mammals
- New On-shore Pipelines Could Further Impact
  Additional Terrestrial Habitat and Wildlife
  - \*includes listed species and DFG species of special concern

### Impacts to Fish and Wildlife Resources and Habitats

- Artificial Lighting/Impacts to Seabirds
- Marine Mammal Interactions
- Pipelines/Anchors and Impacts to Hardsubstrate
- Shore Landings Impacts
- Use of Seawater, Contaminants and Potential Spills
- Invasive Species
- Dredging
- Loss of Mudflat and Wetland Habitat
- Impacts to Aquatic Vegetation, Invertebrates
- Impacts to Fish, Birds, and Mammals
- Impacts to Terrestrial Habitat